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SUBJECT: FY-77 IV NOMINATION: CHOI CHONG-KI

1. POST NOMINATES DR. CHOI CHONG-KI, DIRECTOR, KOREAN INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES (KIIS), AND PROFESSOR OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AT GRADUATE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, SEOUL NATIONAL UNIVERSITY, FOR FY-77 IV GRANT FOR THIRTY-DAY OBSERVATION AND CONSULTATION, FUNCTION 210. THIS NOMINATION IS FOR FULL GRANT, ROUND-TRIP INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION, PER DIEM, DOMESTIC TRAVEL, AND OTHER IV GRANT BENEFITS.

2. ONE OF MOST ACTIVE, DYNAMIC ACADEMIC LEADERS IN KOREA, DR. CHOI ESTABLISHED IN 1965 THE KOREAN INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES, A NON-PROFIT INDEPENDENT ACADEMIC BODY AIMED AT PROMOTING MULTINATIONAL AND INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH IN FIELDS OF PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT. HIS INSTITUTE PUBLISHES AN ENGLISH QUARTERLY, KOREAN JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES. BOTH INSTITUTE AND JOURNAL HAVE GAINED WIDE RECOGNITION IN PAST YEARS. SINCE 1970, WITH SUPPORT FROM USIS AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS, KIIS HAS SPONSORED ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL SEMINARS ON VARIOUS ASPECTS OF INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL SIGNIFICANCE, LATEST BEING INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON DESIGNING FOR PEACE IN INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM: PEACE AND STABILITY IN NEASIS, JULY 5-8, 1976 IN SEOUL (SEOUL 5251). INTERNATIONALLY RENOWNED SCHOLARS ZBIGNIEW BREZEZINSKI, EDWIN REISCHAUER, WILLIAM GRIFFITH, STANLEY HOFFMAN, ROBERT SCALAPINO, LUCIAN
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PYE, AND DONALD ZAGORIA HAVE ATTENDED KIIS PROGRAMS. CHOI

HAS MANY AMERICAN CONTACTS BUT HIS LAST TRIP TO U.S. WAS NEARLY TWENTY YEARS AGO AND HE IS IN NEED OF CATCHING UP WITH SIGNIFICANT CHANGES TAKING PLACE IN AMERICAN ACADEMIC AND POLITICAL CIRCLES AS WELL AS AMERICAN SOCIETY IN GENERAL. MOREOVER AN OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT U.S. WILL HOPEFULLY OPEN HIS EYES TO OTHER AREAS OF RESEARCH. MOST OF KOREAN RESEARCH ORGANIZATIONS ARE PRESENTLY PREOCCUPIED WITH SECURITY PROBLEMS IN THE REGION BUT LACK BROADER PERSPECTIVES ON GLOBAL ISSUES AFFECTING KOREA. AN OBSERVATION TRIP, AT THIS JUNCTURE, WOULD NOT ONLY BENEFIT HIM PERSONALLY BUT WOULD PROVE TO BE VERY USEFUL FOR AN INFLUENTIAL LEADER TO KEEP ABBREAST OF CURRENT CHANGES TAKING PLACE IN U.S., PARTICULARLY IN THE POLICIES AND APPROACHES OF THE NEW ADMINISTRATION. BELIEVE CHOI'S VISIT WILL CONTRIBUTE TOWARD POST OBJECTIVE 1.

3. BORN IN KANGNUNG, KANGWON-DO, KOREA ON OCTOBER 13, 1928, CHOI RECEIVED LL.B. AND LL.M. FROM SEOUL NATIONAL UNIVERSITY IN 1954 AND 1958 RESPECTIVELY; FINISHED GRADUATE COURSE WORK OF M.A. IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AT UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA GRADUATE SCHOOL MAJORING IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND ADMINISTRATION, 1958-59; RECEIVED PH.D. IN LAW FROM SNU ON STUDY OF THEORY AND PRACTICE OF UNITED NATIONS FORCES IN AUGUST 1972. TAUGHT SNU COLLEGE OF LAW AND GRADUATE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION SINCE 1959, CURRENTLY FULL PROFESSOR OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS; PRESIDENT OF KIIS SINCE 1965; CONSULTANT, ROK NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL SINCE 1975. AUTHOR OF INTERNATIONAL ADMINISTRATION. SEOUL, KOREA, 1963; THE UNITED NATIONS, SEOUL, 1964; INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, SEOUL 1966; A THEORY AND PRACTICE OF THE UNITED NATIONS FORCES, SEOUL, 1972;

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AND MANY ARTICLES INCLUDING AN ANALYSIS OF THE SOCIAL BACKGROUND OF THE KOREAN FOREIGN SERVICE," KOREAN JOURNAL OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION, VOL 7 NO. 1, 1969; "THE UNITED NATIONS AND KOREA: AN ANALYSIS OF THE U.N. DEBATES ON THE KOREAN QUESTION," KOREAN JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES, VOL 1, NO. 2, 1970; "THE IMPACT OF JAPAN IN ASIA: CENTERING ON THE PROBLEMS OF JAPAN'S DEFENSE, CENTRE D'ETUDE DU SUD-EST ASIATIQUE ET DE L' EXTREME ORIENT, BRUSSELS, 1971; AND "THE KOREAN QUESTION IN THE UNITED NATIONS," VERFASSUNG UND RECHT IN UBERSEE, HAMBURG, WEST GERMANY, 1975. BOARD MEMBER OF KOREAN ASSOCIATION OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND KOREAN POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION; MEMBER, AMERICAN POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION, AMERICAN SOCIETY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW, ASSOCIATION FOR ASIAN STUDIES INTERNATIONAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION, WORLD ASSOCIATION OF LAW PROFESSORS, INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR STRATEGIC STUDIES (UK), INT'L LAW ASSOCIATION (UK), INTERNATIONAL PEACE RESEARCH ASSOCIATION (FINLAND), JAPANESE ASSOCIATIONS OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL LAW. HAS EXTENSIVELY TRAVELLED SOUTHEAST AND EAST ASIA, MAJOR NON-COMMUNIST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES (ALSO YUGOSLAVIA IN 1974), AND NORTH AMERICA (INCLUDING U.S.A., 1958-59, FOR STUDY) FOR ATTENDING VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES OR AS GUESTS OF GOVERNMENTS CONCERNED. SPEAKS GOOD ENGLISH.

4. IF APPROVED, CHOI WISHES BEGIN PROGRAM IN MARCH 1977 SO THAT ATTENDANCE ANNUAL CONVENTION, MARCH 16-20, ST. LOUIS, OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES ASSOCIATION AND ANNUAL MEETING, MARCH 25-27 IN NEW YORK, OF ASSOCIATION FOR ASIAN STUDIES
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